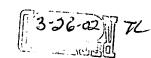


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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.116

In response to the Office Action dated **November 30, 2001** (paper number **10**), please amend this application as follows:

A. In The Drawings

Please amend FIG. 3 to add reference designation 315.

B. In The Specification

Please replace the following paragraphs in the specification as follows:

Page 3, beginning at line 27, to page 4, line 5:

The system 100 of FIG. 1 is a heterogeneous system in that subscriber equipment 106 may comprise subscriber terminals, also known as set top terminals (STTs) and set top boxes (STBs), of differing capability with respect to control processing, bandwidth and/or graphics processing. Within such a system each of the set top terminals receiving information streams from a server or

